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TEXTILES
LOK SABHA

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HANDICAFTS TRADE
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Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) the annual volume of trade in handicrafts in the country including Rajasthan, State and Union Territory-wise;

(b) whether the Government proposes to promote the handicrafts trade; and

(c) if so, the steps proposed to be taken in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI E.V.K.S. ELANGOVAN)

(a): No data on volume of trade in handicrafts in the country including the State of Rajasthan, State-wise and Union Territory-wise is maintained.

(b) & (c): Yes, Sir. In order to promote handicrafts trade in the country including in the State of Rajasthan, the Government is implementing various schemes, which include: Baba Saheb Ambedkar Hastshilp Vikas Yojana (AHVY) for integrated development of selected craft clusters; Marketing Support and Services; Design & Technology Up-gradation; Export Promotion; Research & Development and Special Handicrafts Training Project (SHTP) etc.